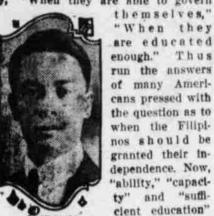
FILIPINOS WANT AMERICA TO GIVE INDEPENDENCE

Maximo M. Kalaw Declares U. S. Cannot Consistently Refuse "Self-Determination."

By MAXIMO M. KALAW, Secretary of the Philippine Mission, Au-ther "The Case for the Filipinos," "Self-Government in the

Philippines," etc. "When they show sufficient capaci-"When they are able to govern



mean in black and white? Senator Shogun may think no people is capable of self-government that does not establish the judicial recall, or that has no Billy Sunday. John Smith of Somerville may think no people is capable of self-government that does not vote his democratic ticket, or go to

church on Sundays. "Capacity for self-government" is as broad and elastic as the world, and if that should be the criterion for the granting of Philippine independence, America might as well say to the Filipines, "I will give you independence when it pleases me to de so."

Fertunately, the American promise to the Philippines is not based on such ebscure and abstract conditions. It is based on a definite seizable thing. When America, through her Congress, efficially told the Filipino people that they would be granted their independonce as soon as they could establish a stable government, no abstract or obscure condition was meant. Stable geverament, according to American usage, means a certain, definite thing.

The United States promised the Cubans the same thing, that "when they have established a stable government. then American troops would be withdrawn." As soon as the Cuban people elected a government suited to themselves, capable of maintaining order and fulfilling all international obligations, there was a stable government in Cuba, and American troops were withdrawn.

When Congress passed the Jones law, it simply borrowed the phrase "stable government" from the Cuban history and applied it to the Philippines. The history of Philippine legislation shows that in black and white. With full knowledge of what it meant, the Filipino people accepted the Jones law and immediately began setting up the stable government required by Congress as a pre-regulate to independence. The stable government is now a fact. It is indeed more than that; it to an undisputed fact.

The official representative of the United States in the Philippine Islands, the Governor General, reported to the American Congress and the administration that "the Filipino people have established the stable government demanded by Congress as a pre-requisite for the granting of independence namely, a government elected by the suffrage of the people, which is supported by the people, which is capable of maintaining order and of fulfilling ite international obligations."

The Philippine question is therefore no longer a question of politics, argument or supposition. To the Philippine mind, at least, it is now a question of whether the United States is ready to discharge its own obligations fully and completely. America went before the world in the recent war as the avowed champion of "self-determiaction" and Filipinos cannot see how America can consistently refuse to act.

The Filipino people, however, have no grudge or grievance against the American people. Theirs is a message of friendship and gratitude. They seek independence as the natural and logical outcome of America's policy in the islands and of America's solemn premise to them. They come willing to give privileges and concessions not incompatible with their national wel-

The Filipino people are willing to accept independence under any of the following conditions: Under a League of Nations, guaranteeing its territorial lategrity; under the protectorateship of the United States for the first few years; under a treaty of neutrality between the United States, England, Japan, France and other powers, or even without any condition whatever absolute and complete independence. They have no fear of Japan. Philippine independence, in our opinion, is not inimical to Japanese interests. The Japasees are now free to come to the Philippines, but at the present time there are less than 10,000 Japanese in the blands. There are six times as many Japanese in California as there are in the entire Philippine Archipelago.

The Filipinos are willing to take their chance as a nation. Smaller nations beset by graver problems and dangers have taken a more hazardous chance at freedom, and have suc-

2ND MISSION COMES FROM PHILIPPINES

Body Headed by Senate President Quezon Reiterates Demand for Independence.

That the Filipino people are in earnest in their demand for immediate independence is indicated by the coming to the United States of a second Philippine mission to work for independence. Coincident with this announcement the War Department received a cable from Manila stating that the all-Filipino legislature had adopted resolutions reiterating its plea for immediate inde-

The second mission, like the first, is composed of the leading men of the isand will work in the United States not only for immediate independence, but also to bring about "better understanding, greater confidence and closer economic relations between

the United States and the Philippines." The mission is again headed by Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine Senate, who is well known in America, having been for six years resident commissioner to the United



Senate President Manuel L. Quezon.

States. Mr. Quezon and the Hon. Sergio Osmena, Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives and Vice President of the Council of State, are the leaders of the Nacionalista party. which has been in power since 1907.

While Speaker Osmena is not so well known in the United States as Quezon, he is considered one of the ablest men in the Islands. Senate President Quezon recently referred to Osmena as 'the greatest Filipino since Righl."

The personal relations between Osmena and Quezon are probably without a parallel in modern politics. They have been the leading political figures in the islands for 12 years, yet there has never been the slightest indication of rivalry between them. Throughout their college life as well as their long political service each has refused to be a candidate for any position that the other aspired to.

During the years Quezon was the Philippine delegate in the American Congress he won the esteem and confidence of both the Republican and Democratic sides of the chamber. Whenever he spoke he was assured of a good attendance. One of the official short hand reporters once declared Quezon used the purest English of any member of the House.

Osmena, as president of the Nacionalista party, is the leader of the national movement for independence. "Osmena is the premier 'de facto' of

the Philippines," said a leading Filipi-



no journalist, now in America, "A very conscientious and tireless worker, thorough and persistent, a genius for grasping the big features as well as the smallest details of public affairs, a cool headed, quiet by temperament and education, a deep thinker, an eloquent speaker, a polished writer, a keen observer of men-such is Osmena."

Both Osmena and Quezon have been consistent advocates of Philippine independence, yet when the occasion demanded it they have never hesitated to champion the cause of America's good intentions toward the Filipine people.

SEED CORN SHURTAGE

(By J. C. McAmis, Agronomy Specialist, Division of Extension, University of Tennessee.)

In some quarters there is a fear that there will not be enough good corn to go around in the spring. In Tennessee the first planting of corn was drowned out by excessive rains and then parched by summer droughts. The late planting dld well, but was caught in the field by heavy fall rains and an overflow. Certainly not all the corn in the many cribs will grow, and much of that which does grow will produce a weak stalk. Our experience in thespring of 1917 ought to show us the way out of this difficulty; the situation looked much darker than it does now. The corn went into the crib wet and before it dried it froze and remained in this condition until spring. The germinating power was destroyed and much of the corn rotted before the farmers were aware of the danger. Even under these conditions there was plenty of seed that would grow, which was mixed in with that which would not. It was simply a matter of searching out the good seed. It is a safe bet that there is plenty of seed now, if we begin a diligent search for it. The search should have begun last fall, but it is better late than never. Normally It is doubtful if it is worth while to test seed corn for germination, but in off years, such as this, it is the only safe plan. It is a very simple and inexpensive thing to do. The only way to know whether a seed ear will grow Is to try a few grains from different parts of it. There are several methods, all of which are good. If you are in doubt, ask your county agricultural agent or write the Division of Extension for instructions,

Good seed is necessary for a good crop. Home-grown seed of a high yielding variety is best. Do not lose your head and buy untried varieties from distant points. If your neighbor has better seed than yours, and of a good variety, use that. However, it is likely that his crop is in about the same condition as yours, and that your safest plan is to stake your chances on the best seed corn in your crib, but be very sure that you find the best.

It is always well to be trying out new varieties in an isolated place, but it is never safe to use an untried variety for the whole crop.



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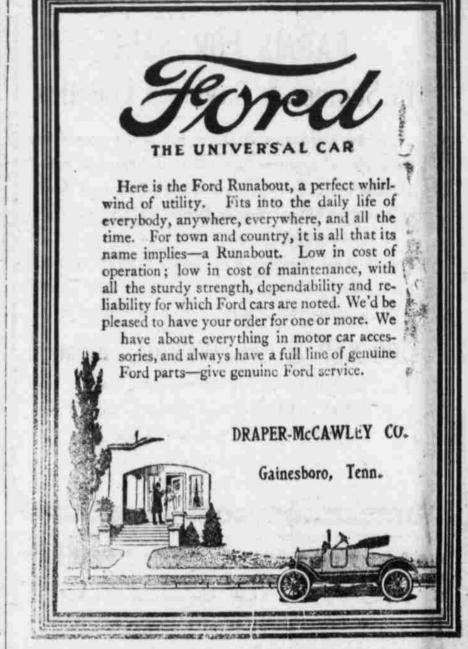
"Long live Socialism!"

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